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UNTSO OFFICERS IN SOUTHERN AREA

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FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON AND SISCO

1. FYI. THE SECRETARY HAS ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF SOVIET
UNTSO OFFICERS IN THE SOUTHERN AREA AND CONCLUDED IT
WOULD BE A MISTAKE. HE HAS INFORMED PERES THAT WE WOULD
BACK ISRAEL'S POSITION OF REJECTING THIS. END FYI.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL SIILASVUO THAT THE US IS OPPOSED TO
USE OF SOVIET UNTSO OFFICERS IN THE SOUTHERN AREA. THIS
IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION ON THE USE OF SOVIET
UNTSO OFFICERS UNDER THE JAN. 1974 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.
GIVEN THE UNIQUE SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN
AREA, INCLUDING COMMON USE OF THE ROAD, AND THE ROLE

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ASSIGNED TO UNEF FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA, THE PRESENCE OF

SOVIET OFFICERS WOULD NECESSARILY RAISE THE ISSUE OF
SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS AND THE ISRAELI POSITION ON
THIS ISSUE HAS NOT CHANGED. FYI. URQUHART ASSURED SISCO
HE WOULD COOL SIILASVUO ON THIS MATTER. END FYI.

3. THE USG POSITION ON THE NON-USE OF SOVIET OFFICERS
DOES NOT APPLY TO THE USE OF UNTSO PER SE, TO WHICH WE
HAVE NO OBJECTION. UNTSO HAS BEEN CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS
IN ISRAELI LIMITED ARMS ZONE SINCE JAN. 1974 WITHOUT
USING SOVIET OFFICERS. KISSINGER

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